

REMARKS

Claims 1-17 remain pending, although claims 9-11 are withdrawn from consideration. Claims 12-17 are currently amended. No claims are canceled or added via the present submission.

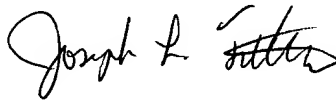
In the amendment filed November 29, 2005, applicants' representative inadvertently submitted the word "date" instead of ~~data~~ for the amendment to the paragraph beginning on page 17 at line 15. Also, new claims 12-17 were presented as depending from claim 1 instead of from claim 2 as intended. (See the remarks on page 14, third paragraph.) Finally, the introductory paragraph of the remarks on the top of page 11 should not have indicated that claims 3-8 were withdrawn from consideration.

All mistakes were submitted without deceptive intent. Applicants' representative regrets any inconvenience such mistakes may have caused.

If necessary, the undersigned authorizes deducting any fees that may be due from Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

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